

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 8 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Total free amino acid content in the seeds of the conventional soybean variety (Jack) having all subunits composing β -conglycinin and glycinin in Table 4 was ~~[[2.23 mg/g]]~~ 2.03 mg/g, which was at the same level as those of conventional soybean varieties (Fukuyutaka, Tachiyutaka and Enrei) and parents for crossing (Kyukei 305 and EnB1) that had been analyzed by different methods as shown in Table 3. However, total free amino acid content in the seeds of QF2F₆-4 genetically lacking all subunits of β -conglycinin and glycinin was 35.3 mg/g, which was 3 times or more greater than those of QF2F₆-1, QF2F₆-2 and QF2F₆-3 in Table 3. Furthermore, total free amino acid content in the seeds of QF2F₆-4 was 17 times or more greater than that of the conventional soybean variety (Jack) that had been cultivated under the same conditions as those used for QF2F₆-4. Furthermore, significantly increased free amino acids were arginine, asparagine, histidine and glutamine, agreeing with conditions regarding amino acids observed to increase in the soybeans having high levels of free amino acids as verified in Examples 2 and 3. In particular, arginine was contained at a level 58 times or more greater than that of the conventional soybean variety (Jack).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, last line, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the total free amino acid content of TF2F₆-1 line is somewhat higher than those of the conventional soybean varieties (Table 3) cultivated under the same conditions. However, the increased level thereof is clearly less than those of the 3 lines (QF2F₆-1, ~~[[QF2QF₆-2]]~~ QF2F₆-2 and QF2F₆-3) (see Table 3) obtained in Example 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, last line, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

Nielsen, N. C., Dickinson, C. D., Cho, T. -J Thanh, V. H., Scallon, B. J., Fischeer, R.
L., Sims, T. L., Drews, G. N. and Goldberg. 1989. Characterization of the gylcinin ~~gene~~ gene
family in soybean. Plant Cell. 1: 313-328.